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CYLINDER HEAD GASKET AND METHOD OF PRODUCING,

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(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No
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<u>60/346,203</u>	<u>October 26, 2001</u>
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<b>Application Number</b>	Not yet assigned
<b>Filing Date</b>	Herewith
<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Novil, et al.
<b>Title</b>	Light Colored Cylinder Head Gasket and Method of Producing
<b>Art Unit</b>	Not yet assigned
<b>Examiner Name</b>	Not yet assigned
<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	01-0045/COA

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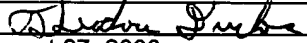


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